



# NIOSH MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGY AWARD

## **Apply by July 1, 2021, for the Stone, Sand, and Gravel Sector Award**

### **What is the award?**

The award recognizes a mine or company for extraordinary achievements in applying health and safety technology in innovative ways, above and beyond mandatory requirements. The framed award certificate is presented by the NIOSH Associate Director for Mining and the NSSGA President at the NSSGA Legislative & Policy Forum/Fall Board Meeting in September 2021. NIOSH will also announce the recipients on its website and through other public channels. A written commendation will also be sent to the winners, who may cite it in their own public announcements.

### **Who can win?**

Mining operations that implement an extraordinary health and safety technology are eligible as are other organizations that play a major role in the implementation. A technology manufacturer may submit an award, but they must be working with a mine operator who is an active participant in the full process, from developing the innovative technology to adopting the technology into their mining operation.

### **When are submissions due?**

**July 1, 2021.** The NIOSH Office of Mine Safety and Health Research will track all submissions and acknowledge any received by the due date.

### **How do I make a submission?**

Send an email to the Associate Director for Mining at [mining@cdc.gov](mailto:mining@cdc.gov) answering these questions:

- What problem were you solving?
- What is the technology and how does it work?
- How did you modify and evaluate the technology to solve your specific problem?
- What did you do to implement the technology at your mine?
- What health and safety benefits have been realized or are expected?

Also include the name of the mining operation or company implementing the technology and the name, email address, and phone number of the primary contact for the submission.

Pictures and diagrams are optional, but may be submitted to help us understand the technology. The submission does not need to be elaborately produced and the text can be in layman's terms. If further clarification is needed during the review process, NIOSH will contact the submitters.

### **What is an example of an innovation that has won in the past?**

**Dust Reduction Systems.** Wisconsin Proppants Operations (WP Ops) successfully reduced airborne exposures to crystalline silica and respirable dust generated during frac sand production by installing a dense phase conveying system and a fogging system around rotex screens to control these dusts at the WP Ops Hixton Mine.

### **How will I know if my submission has won?**

Winners will be notified prior to the NSSGA meeting in September 2021 and will receive a written notice of their commendation to cite in their own public announcements.

### **How can I get more information?**

View the award webpage at [go.usa.gov/xNnYA](https://www.go.usa.gov/xNnYA) for details and a list of past winners. For questions, email us at [mining@cdc.gov](mailto:mining@cdc.gov), or call 412-386-5302.